

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 3923

Takeyoshi NAKAMURA et al.

Art Unit: 1742

Application No.: 10/648,831

Examiner: Sikyin Ip

Filed: August 27, 2003

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107348-00363

For: **PROCESS FOR THERMALLY TREATING LIGHT ALLOY CASTING**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 22, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 22, 2005, the period for response being extended from September 22, 2005 to December 22, 2005, by the attached Petition For Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.